

From: [Berglund, Jeff](#)
To: [Miller, Craig](#)
Subject: Re: Raptor buffers
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Hi Craig. We don't really have an "official" FWS raptor buffer recommendation guidance document. However, our Cheyenne office has put together some solid recommendations that we (MT office) often reference. The recommended buffer distances vary by species - 200 meters would be the smallest buffer and may apply to a handful of species.

Most are 0.25-0.5 mile, up to a mile (not counting eagles, which are in a different boat entirely). Another reference is a document put together by our Utah FO in 2002; Here are the links:

http://www.fws.gov/wyominges/Pages/Species/Species_Concern/Raptors.html
[http://www.fws.gov/utahfieldoffice/Documents/MigBirds/Raptor%20Guidelines%20\(v%20March%2020,%202002\).pdf](http://www.fws.gov/utahfieldoffice/Documents/MigBirds/Raptor%20Guidelines%20(v%20March%2020,%202002).pdf)

On Tue, Sep 3, 2013 at 4:21 PM, Miller, Craig <cmiller@blm.gov> wrote:

Jeff,

Do you have a USFWS raptor buffer recommendation for nests. Currently we have an NSO buffer, but Montana Petroleum Associating is recommending that we use the FWS buffer which they state is 200 meters. Is this accurate? I am not able to find FWS suggested buffers.

thanks much...

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